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Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy

The Chinese delegation hereby submits the following proposals for inclusion in the report of the third session of the preparatory committee for the 2000 review conference:

1. The practical enhancement of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy will contribute to full implementation of all objectives of NPT, and play a significant promotive role in nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Relevant work in this regard is an important part towards full implementation of NPT, and should be concretely undertaken.

2. In the fulfillment of the obligations of NPT regarding the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the tendency to restrict or even to impede the right of the developing countries for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy under the pretext of preventing nuclear weapons proliferation should be opposed and terminated.

3. A few countries have established export control regimes which are beyond NPT and discriminatory and exclusive in nature. Under various pretexts, they adopt double standards and impede the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and the relevant international cooperation by the States Parties to NPT, especially the developing countries. Such acts should be opposed, because it will undermine the basis for the prevention of nuclear weapon proliferation. The bloc-oriented export control regimes should be replaced by globally universal non-proliferation regimes established through multilateral negotiations.

4. It is imperative for IAEA to strengthen its work in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. IAEA should not over-emphasize the safeguards function at the expense of its work to promote international cooperation for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

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